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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the gross weight allowed for special trucks
2 and the gross weight information included on registration
3 receipts.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 75, Code 2016, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 75. "*Special truck*" means a motor truck or truck tractor not
4 used for hire with a gross weight registration of six through
5 ~~thirty-two~~ thirty-eight and four-tenths tons used by a person
6 engaged in farming to transport commodities produced only by
7 the owner, or to transport commodities purchased by the owner
8 for use in the owner's own farming operation or occasional
9 use for charitable purposes. "*Special truck*" also means a
10 motor truck or truck tractor not used for hire with a gross
11 weight registration of six through ~~thirty-two~~ thirty-eight
12 and four-tenths tons used by a person engaged in farming who
13 assists another person engaged in farming through an exchange
14 of services. A "*special truck*" does not include a truck tractor
15 operated more than fifteen thousand miles annually.

16 Sec. 2. Section 321.24, subsection 1, Code 2016, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 1. Upon receipt of the application for title and payment of
19 the required fees for a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer,
20 the county treasurer or the department shall, when satisfied
21 as to the application's genuineness and regularity, and, in
22 the case of a mobile home or manufactured home, that taxes
23 are not owing under [chapter 423](#) or [435](#), issue a certificate
24 of title and, except for a mobile home or manufactured home,
25 a registration receipt, and shall file the application, the
26 manufacturer's or importer's certificate, the certificate of
27 title, or other evidence of ownership, as prescribed by the
28 department. The registration receipt shall be delivered to
29 the owner and shall contain upon its face the date issued,
30 the name and address of the owner, the registration number
31 assigned to the vehicle, the amount of the fee paid, the type
32 of fuel used, a description of the vehicle as determined by the
33 department, and a form for notice of transfer of the vehicle.
34 The name and address of any lessee of the vehicle shall not
35 be printed on the registration receipt or certificate of

1 title. Up to three owners may be listed on the registration
2 receipt and certificate of title. If the registration receipt
3 contains information about the gross weight of the vehicle, the
4 registration receipt shall display the gross weight for which
5 the vehicle was registered and not the gross weight allowable
6 for the vehicle under section 321.466, subsection 4.

7 Sec. 3. Section 321.121, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code
8 2016, is amended to read as follows:

9 d. The additional annual registration fee for a special
10 truck for a gross weight registration in excess of twenty tons
11 is twenty-five dollars for each ton over twenty tons and not
12 exceeding ~~thirty-two~~ thirty-eight and four-tenths tons.

13 Sec. 4. Section 321.463, subsection 5, paragraph c,
14 subparagraph (1), unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2016, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 The maximum gross weight allowed to be carried on a
17 commercial motor vehicle, ~~other than a special truck,~~ on
18 noninterstate highways, provided the vehicle is operated by a
19 person with a commercial driver's license valid for the vehicle
20 operated unless [section 321.176A](#) applies, is as follows:

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 Under current law, special trucks for farm use may be
25 registered for a gross weight of between 12,000 and 64,000
26 pounds. Code section 321.466 provides that the gross weight of
27 certain vehicles, including special trucks for farm use, may
28 be exceeded by up to 25 percent. As a result, under certain
29 circumstances, the maximum gross weight allowed for special
30 trucks for farm use is 80,000 pounds.

31 This bill provides that special trucks for farm use may be
32 registered for a gross weight of up to 76,800 pounds. With
33 the 25 percent exemption provided for under current law,
34 the bill effectively increases the gross weight allowed for
35 special trucks for farm use to 96,000 pounds under certain

1 circumstances. Code section 321.463, which is amended to
2 include special trucks, allows vehicles with a gross weight
3 of between 80,000 and 96,000 pounds to only operate on
4 noninterstate highways, and prohibits such vehicles from
5 operating on noninterstate highway bridges. Code section
6 321.463 also governs the length and number of axles required
7 for vehicles of a certain weight.

8 The bill also provides that if a registration receipt
9 contains information about the gross weight of a vehicle, the
10 registration receipt shall display the gross weight for which
11 the vehicle was registered and not the gross weight allowable
12 for the vehicle with the 25 percent exemption included.